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To the Chairman and Members,
East Dean Rural District Council.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Annual Report, 1945.

We have the honour to present to you the report on the health conditions of the District during the year 1945.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, certain matters such as tuberculosis (including the allowance schemes) venereal disease (including tracing of contacts and follow up of defaulters), the care of premature infants and of illegitimate children, and the steps taken to combat infestation, which lie in the jurisdiction of the County Authorities, have been left out. It is thought however, that the more impoertant matters have been dealt with.

Vital Statistics.

		Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Total.
Live Births.	Male.	166	13	179
	Female.	156	17	173
				352
Still Births.	Male.	5	1	6
	Female.	5	1	6

Deaths of Infants under one year old.
Male. 10
Female. 12 Total 22.

Deaths.
Male. 155
Female. 129 Total 284.

Birth Rate. 17.6 per 1.000
Death Rate. 14.2 per 1.000

Registrar General's Estimate of Population 19.950.

Chief Causes of Deaths.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Measles.	-	1	1
Whooping Cough.	-	2	2
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Tuberculosis.	13	8	21
Influenza.	1	-	1
Bronchitis.	15	6	21
Violent Causes.	7	2	9
Nephritis.	8	3	11
Pneumonia.	8	6	14
Heart Disease.	42	38	80
Cancer.	13	22	35

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Infectious Diseases Notified.

	0 - 3	5 - 15	over 15	Total	No. of cases to hospital.
Scarlet Fever.	9	8	5	22	21
Whooping Cough.	34	1	2	37	--
Acute Pneumonia.	2	1	2	5	--
Diphtheria.	8	7	3	18	18
Erysipelas.	--	-	3	3	--
Measles.	242	99	4	345	--
Opthalmia. Neonatorum.	--	--	-	--	--

Tuberculosis.

Total Number of Cases notified during 1945 - 34.
Pulmonary - 27. Non Pulmonary - 7.

Number on Register - 210.

Males.		Females.	
Pulmonary.	Non Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non Pulmonary.
56	68	53	33

Scabies.

During the year the Ministry withdrew their financial suppor from the Greenway Hospital for the treatment of Scabies. From then onwards the Council has been providing the necessary material for treatment to those who are not able to obtain it under the National Health Insurance. At the end of 1945 the number of scabies brought to my notice was rapidly decreasing.

Measles.

An epidemic of Measles occurred which reached its peak in April. The cases were of a milder type than usual, and only one death was notified as caused by measles.

Immunisation.

During 1945 the following number of children were immunised the figures being given in their age groups.

0 - 1 year.	32	5 - 6 years	34
1 - 2 "	122	6 - 7 "	25
2 - 3 "	36	7 - 8 "	12
3 - 4 "	16	8 - 9 "	15
4 - 5 "	18	9 - 10 "	7
		10 - 11 "	7
Total under 5 years.	224.	11 - 12 "	5
		12 - 13 "	5
		13 - 14 "	2
		14 - 15 "	-
		Total 5 - 15 "	112.

The Health Authorities have long felt that for any immunisation scheme to be successful, all the children of the age group 1-5 years should be immunised. The figures for the past years have shewn that only very small numbers have had this treatment. 1945 has shewn an improvement in this direction but even so, the numbers done in this group cannot be considered as satisfactory.

It is a fact that epidemics come in cycles and while we have been very fortunate in the last 2-3 years in that we have had no serious epidemics of diphtheria, I am afraid that unless the proportion of under 5 year old children treated is greatly increased, great risks may still follow any future epidemics.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1945.

Refuse.

No change was made in collection of Refuse. The Council undertakes the collection for the greater part of East Dean Township and contracts were renewed for the Parishes of Littledean, Mitcheldean, Ruardean, Awre, Blakeney Hill Ward, the Soudley portion of the Ruspidge Ward and the Ruardean Woodside portion of the Drybrook Ward.

Drainage.

10 Houses were connected to the Public Sewers.
6 Houses have made improvements to Sanitary Arrangements.
10 Houses have provided W.Cs. and drains with cesspools and one septic tank.
115 Advisory visits and to works in progress were made.

Infectious Diseases.

40 rooms were fumigated after Infectious Diseases.

Bakehouses.

19 visits to Bakehouses were made.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

92 visits to cowsheds and dairies were made.

Food Inspection.

Slaughtering took place on 230 days of the year 453 visits to the Government Slaughterhouse were made. The following numbers of animals were killed and inspected:-

Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
1.310	1.184	3.769	1.129

The following amounts of meat were condemned:-

23 Carcases of Cattle.	12035 lbs.
Beef.	1163 lbs.
3 Calves.	179 lbs.
3 sheep.	175 lbs.
Mutton.	155 lbs.
13 pigs.	1175 lbs.

Offal:-

Ox.	(105 heads.	3252 lbs.
	(148 livers.	2036 lbs.
	(178 lungs.	1935 lbs.
	(261 part livers.	1508 lbs.
	100 sheep's livers	217 lbs.
	31 pig's heads.	545 lbs.
	25 pig's livers.	160 lbs.

Other Foods:-

225 tins of meat, fish and vegetables.
116 - 12 oz.) tins of corned meat.
11 - 6 lbs.)
40 eggs.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (Continued).

HOUSING.

It was realised that a complete survey could not be carried out in the time recommended so it was decided to make a preliminary survey and engage two unqualified assistants who commenced duties on 1st August, and a qualified assistant who was released from H.M.Forces and commenced duties on 1st December. 3000 houses were inspected and placed in the relative categories.

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Sanitary Inspector.

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6th November, 1946.

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Surveyor's Report for the Year 1945.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the Works functioned fairly satisfactorily during the Year in question.

Some difficulty was experienced in continuing the supply to the consumers - due to the gradual decrease in the yield at the Greenbottom Pumping Station and to the increase in consumption. It was therefore, found necessary to curtail the supply to the sonsumers by turning off during the nights in the period from 28th July to 21st October, 1945.

The quantity of water supplied from Greenbottom Pumping Station during the Year was 120,501,829 gallons. Of this total 2,343,500 gallons were supplied to the West Dean Rural District Council's Area.

The increase in consumption over the Year 1944 was 23,371,698 gallons.

Consumption per head per day increased from 16.6 gallons in 1944 to 22.5 gallons in 1945.

The work at the trial borehole sunk at Marstowe, Ruardean Parish, was suspended in June, 1945, after the sinking had reached a depth of 500'. The work at the trial borehole is now pending the decisions on the General Survey of the Water Resources of the County of Gloucester prepared by Harold J.F. Gourlay, Esq., M.Eng., M.Inst.C.E., in July, 1945.

The extension of the water supply from the Gloucester and Cheltenham Water Board Area to the Parishes of Huntley and Churcham, has not yet been carried out, but it is anticipated that the Scheme will be put into operation in the near future.

SEWERS AND PURIFICATION WORKS.

The whole of the sewers in the Council's Area functioned satisfactorily during the Year, and the Purification Works at Soudley (East Dean), Littledean and Mitcheldean are in fairly good working order.

HOUSING.

Council Houses.

Very little repair work was carried out in the Year 1945 to the 134 houses controlled by the Council, but it is necessary to shortly carry out fairly extensive repair work of a general nature, especially footpaths and fencing. The majority of the houses also require painting.

Private Enterprise.

Housing by private enterprise was carried out on a small scale, and the following proposals were submitted to the Council during the Year:-

Work approved and Completed.

No. of cases.	Description.
2	Alterations and Additions to existing buildings to provide new Dwellings.
1	New Dwelling House.
7	Alterations and Additions to existing Dwellings.
2	New Workshops.
7	New Garages.
1	New Cowshed.
1	New Weighbridge.
1	New Factory.

Work approved but not commenced.

3	New Garages.
9	Alterations and Additions to existing Dwellings.
3	New Dwellings.
1	New Dormitory at a Boarding School.

Work Refused.

2	New Garages and Workshops.

Work submitted, but not approved.

1	New Dwelling House.

H. M. WOOLFORD.

Surveyor and Water Engineer.

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